

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

OF

SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

WHITE ROCK CHURCH, PIKE COUNTY, ALA.,

Wednesday, October 3d, 1900.

D. C. ALLEN, Moderator Brundidge, Ala.
W. B. DARBY, Clerk Henderson, Ala.

Next session will be held with Ebenezer Church, three miles east of Linwood, beginning

Wednesday before the First Sunday in October, 1901.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. C. Allen.....	Brundidge, Ala.
John Black.....	Brundidge, Ala.
J. D. Allen.....	Frescoe, Ala.
J. E. Johnson.....	Frescoe, Ala.
J. W. Reynolds	Baltic, Ala.
J. M. Loflin.....	Henderson, Ala.
M. J. Youngblood.....	Youngblood, Ala.
B. H. Ogletree	Henderson, Ala.
D. B. Mills	Troy, Ala.
J. H. Stephens.....	Curry, Ala.
J. J. Nelson.....	Harmony, Ala.
B. P. Floyd.....	Catalpa, Ala.
Jos. Hayes.....	Banks, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The delivery of Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches.
3. Organize by election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Appoint the hours for meeting and adjourning.
7. Call for Correspondents.
8. Call for agents, etc.
9. Appoint Committees on Documents, Bible Cause, Periodicals, Nominations and Deceased Ministers.
10. Call for reports on Education and Temperance.
11. Read minutes, call and revise the roll.
12. Call for Treasurer's report.
13. Call for reports on Missions and Sunday Schools.
14. Call for reports of Committees under 9th item.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Appoint Committees on Education, Temperance, Missions and Sunday Schools for next session.
17. Report of Committee on Finance
18. Fix Clerk's salary and arrange for printing minutes. Read and approve minutes.
19. Adjourn.

NOTE--The above order of business was arranged at the 53d session of the Salem Association. The Clerk was instructed to have it printed on the "fly-leaf" of the minutes, with this note appended requiring all succeeding Clerks to observe this arrangement.—CLERK.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Sixty-Second session of the Salem Baptist Association convened with White Rock Church, Pike county, Alabama, on Wednesday, Oct. 3d, 1900.

At 11 A. M., the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. S. Anderson, of the Tuskegee Association (by special request) from Rom. viii:26—theme, the help of the Spirit in human infirmities; after which the congregation was dismissed for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 P. M., the Association proper was called to order by Eld. D. C. Allen, former Moderator, Eld. D. B. Mills leading in the devotional exercises.

Letters from sixteen churches were handed in, and by request of the Moderator, were read by Bros. G. S. Anderson and John E. Moore.

The following named messengers from their respective churches were enrolled:

1. From Antioch—E. W. Smith.
2. " Bethel—J. J. Defee, T. J. McDowell.
3. " Chapel Hill—J. R. G. Mills.
4. " Ebenezer—Eld. B. P. Floyd, W. W. Smith, J. M. Fairecloth, R. A. Morgan.
5. " Enon—J. T. Renfroe
6. " Harmony—Eld. J. J. Nelson, Jimie Rolin.
7. " Henderson—Eld. J. M. Loflin, W. B. Darby, J. W. Head, J. T. Sanders.
8. " Lebanon—J. W. Kelly, H. L. Nunnellee.
9. " Mt. Moriah—C. N. Mallett, J. C. Hurley.
10. " Pea River—Not represented.
11. " Providence—Eld. D. B. Mills.
12. " Richland—Not represented.
13. " Shady Grove—Eld. D. C. Allen, J. C. Dyas.
14. " Spring Hill—R. P. Rhodes, W. A. McBride, C. J. Gillis, T. R. Searey, J. P. Macon.
15. " St. John's—J. P. Brooks, C. M. Stinson, U. S. Fuller, Isaac Andress.
16. " Starkeville—N. A. McLeod, A. J. Stephens, J. F. Railey.
17. " White Rock—H. Spencer, R. C. Flowers, R. A. Lowrey
18. " Zebulon—B. F. Hickman.

Eld. D. C. Allen was reelected Moderator and W. B. Darby Clerk and Treasurer.

The following committees were announced:

ON PREACHING—B. F. Hickman, with White Rock's messengers.

ON FINANCE—W. A. McBride, C. M. Stinson and E. W. Smith.

On motion the time of meeting and adjourning was fixed so as to meet at 8:30 A. M. and adjourn at 11 for preaching; re-assemble at 2 P. M. and adjourn at will.

Upon the call for agents, Eld. G. S. Anderson answered for the Institute Board, and W. B. Darby for Alabama Baptist.

Corresponding delegates were then enrolled as follows:

From the Troy Association—Bro. J. E. Moore.

" Pea River Association—W. F. Newsom.

" Alabama Association—Eld. W. C. Avant.

" Tuskegee Association—Eld. G. S. Anderson.

" New Providence Association—Eld. W. A. Cumbie.

The Moderator appointed the committees as follows:

ON DOCUMENTS—C. N. Mallett, C. J. Gillis and J. M. Faircloth.

" COLPORTAGE—J. R. G. Mills, J. W. Kelly and J. J. Defee.

" PERIODICALS—T. R. Searcy, R. A. Lowrey and J. P. Macon.

" NOMINATIONS—R. P. Rhodes, J. T. Sanders and Henry Spencer.

" MEMORIALS, Etc.—J. W. Head, J. C. Hurley and R. A. Morgan.

Bro. G. S. Anderson then presented the claims of the Institute Board to the Association and took up a collection of twenty dollars in cash and pledges for said board.

On motion the session adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 A. M. the Moderator called the Association to order, Bro. J. W. Head leading in prayer. The clerk called and revised the roll and read the minutes of the first session, and they were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following report on Education was read by W. B. Darby, Chairman, and discussed by Bros. W. B. Darby and B. P. Floyd, and adopted.

It is with pleasure your committee reports the great advance made in the general educational interest. Everywhere better schools abound, and better methods are practiced. The State now gives us five months public schools instead of three, and we should exercise the greatest care in choosing our teachers, and employ none of questionable moral and religious character.

Our Denominational Schools are the equals of the best, and are now opening under very favorable circumstances. Brethren, send your sons to the Howard and your daughters to the Judson. Our Collegiate Institute at Newton is the cheapest good school in the State. Our Association has paid nothing so long toward educating the ministry until we have forgotten our duty in that respect. Let us do better.

W. B. DARBY,
For the Committee.

Eld. J. J. Nelson read the report on Temperance, as follows:

"Your committee has no statistics from which to compile a report, and we do not know whether beverage drinking is on the increase or not; but we do know that some of our Pike county Christians have taken the sale of

whisky from the world and are selling it themselves. Some Baptists are prominent in this business, but none of our Association are connected with the traffic as sellers."

Spoken to by Bros. D. B. Mills and T. R. Searey. The clerk then read the following resolution:

Resolved by Salem Baptist Association in session assembled—That we deem it prudent to give notice that we are unalterably opposed to Baptists having anything to do with the sale of, or buying whisky in a dispensary, and that we denounce the business in Baptist hands as a dangerous and sinful innovation, and the stuff sold as a cheat and a fraud.

Pending the discussion which ensued, a substitute was offered and voted down, and the original report was adopted, and immediately the resolution was adopted.

Adjourned for preaching.

Eld. J. M. Loflin preached from Rom. 5:1.
Collected \$4.16 for associational purposes.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator and consideration of reports resumed.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read, discussed at great length and adopted:

Your committee regrets that of the sixteen churches represented, only nine reported Sabbath Schools. In our opinion a church without a Sunday School is in a deplorable condition, both as it relates to the idle membership losing golden opportunities, and the neglected children who need the religious instruction of faithful teachers. We earnestly urge our churches which have no schools, to meet and organize one at once, and thus discharge a great duty to our children and the Lord.

Respectfully submitted

J. C. HURLEY, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to hear Eld. W. A. Cumbe preach from Matt. iii, 1st and 2d verses; after which it adjourned for the day.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. J. Nelson leading in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved, and reports of committees resumed.

The report on Documents was read and adopted, as follows:

Your committee finds but one invitation for the next session, and that is from Ebenezer church; also, that our churches are contributing in a small way to the mission enterprises.

Respectfully submitted.

C. N. MALLETT,
Chairman.

Next was read and adopted the report on Nominations, as follows:

Your committee recommends that the next session be held with Ebenezer church, and that Eld. J. M. Loflin preach the introductory sermon. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Eld. B. P. Floyd.

Delegates to State Convention—Elds. D. C. Allen, J. M. Loflin, J. J. Nelson, Bros. R. D. Windham. C. N. Mallett; and that Bros. C. T. Spradley, J. W. Head and T. W. Law be our Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. RHODES,
Chairman.

This brief report on Missions was read:

Mission work is scriptural work. The first church was organized a missionary church, and began the spread of the Gospel, and it is our duty to continue the work of sending the Gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Let us do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. MILLS,
Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. Mills, Cumbie and Loflin, and adopted.

The report on Colportage was next read, as follows:

Your committee knows of no destitution within our bounds. We fear, however, that our people are not doing their duty in this respect, as we learn of trouble caused by the disciples of satan in the form of "Faith Healing," "Religious Scientist," Mormons, etc.

We recommend that a strong man be employed to indoctrinate our people, and distribute good, sound literature.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. G. MILLS, Chairman.

Spoken to by Bro. J. M. Loflin, who took pledges for \$100.00 for an Associational Missionary fund.

The following report on Periodicals was read and adopted:

We advise our brethren to read our religious books and papers, and to keep them constantly in their homes, and encourage their children to read them also. We specially commend the Alabamian Baptist to your favorable consideration. It, alone, keeps us posted on Baptist affairs in Alabama. The Foreign Mission Journal tells us all about what is going on abroad. Our Convention series of Sabbath School literature, too, is fully worthy of your patronage, and next to it comes the American Baptist Publication Society's Literature. All these are good, and we heartily commend them to the people. Of course the Bible should be our text book, and we are to read its precious truths in preference to any, because it teaches us best how to live, how to endure, and how to die happily. It opens a path for us along which angels will cheer us. Let us feed the mind on good, wholesome food, lest it might dwarf and die.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. SEARCY,
Chairman.

Spoken to by Bros. Searcy, Darby and Loflin.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved—That this session instructs the Executive Committee to employ a strong missionary and colporteur and put him to work preaching, indoctrinating and distributing good literature in our territory and vicinity, as soon as possible.

The Committee on Church Music reported the following:

We find that several of our churches have made splendid progress in musical attainments, while a few remain in the old ruts. We recommend that Gospel singing be taught in our churches, for good music is certainly a great help to the preaching of the Word, as it naturally enthuses both the preacher and the congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HEAD,
Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers reported:

We find that since our last session, Eld. T. J. Welch has died, which sad event occurred in last June, at his home, near Banks, Ala. He was a native Georgian and about 48 years old. About ten years ago he was ordained to the ministry by his—Providence church—and was in active pastoral duties about five years, and until his health failed. He left a widow, six children and a multitude of friends to mourn his death. He was a devoted and faithful man and Christian—true to his trust in every relation of life.

Also—in memory of Bro. J. F. Brightwell, who died Aug. 3d, 1900. He was a true husband, a kind father, a sound Baptist and a devoted and zealous Christian. By his death Harmony Church and the Salem Association have sustained a great loss. Therefore—

Resolved—That the Association tender the bereft our heart-felt sympathy, and spread this memorial upon our minutes in memory of him.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HEAD,
Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Some of our Baptist churches are being disturbed by irresponsible characters who teach a false system of so-called "Divine Healing," contrary to the Scriptures; therefore—

Resolved—That we advise the churches that said system is heresy, and we further advise our people to have nothing to do with such unfruitful works of darkness; and that if any church member imbibe and advocate this false system, that they be admonished twice, and if they still persist, exclude them from membership.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 450 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

The Moderator announced the standing committees:

ON EDUCATION—T. R. Searey, B. P. Floyd and J. W. Head.
" TEMPERANCE—D. B. Mills, W. A. McBride and C. T. Spradley.
" SUNDAY SCHOOLS—R. P. Rhodes, R. A. Lowry and J. J. Defee.
" MISSIONS—J. J. Nelson, J. W. Reynolds and J. M. Loflin.

The following was then read and adopted:

Resolved—That we hereby extend the brethren, sisters and friends of White Rock Church and vicinity, our thanks for the splendid treatment we have received and enjoyed at their hands and homes.

REPORT ON FINANCE—ADOPTED.

Your committee finds that the churches sent up funds as follows

For Missions (cash)	\$ 77 80
“ the orphans (cash)	5 37
“ Minutes (cash)	23 33
“ Collected at session (cash) Institute Board	4 35
Collected at session (cash) Associational	5 15
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Total cash	\$116 00
Voucher from Mt. Moriah	\$8 88
Voucher from Henderson	3 75-\$12 63

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. MCBRIDE,
Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Ebenezer Church, 3 miles east of Linwood, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, A. D., 1901.

D. C. ALLEN, Moderator.

W. B. DARBY, Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Number Last year.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan's Home.	Home Missions.	Minutes.	Totals.	Voucher.	
1. Antioch	A. J. Patterson, Grundidge, Ala....	57	2	1	2	1	57	\$ 6 25	.....	\$ 1 40	\$ 85	2 25	.....	.....
2 Bethel	W. F. Lamb, Banks, Ala....	85	1	1	2	1	79	\$ 6 25	.....	\$ 10 15	2 15	10 00	.....	.....
3 Chapel Hill	J. R. G. Mills, Glee, Ala....	61	5	1	1	2	64	\$ 1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 60	.....	.....
4 Ebenezer	R. A. Morgan, Catalpa, Ala....	88	5	2	1	1	102	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 50	5 00	.....	.....
5 Enon	Lonnie Benfroe, Ethel, Ala....	93	7	1	3	1	97	3 00	1 65	1 50	2 50	10 15	.....	.....
6 Harmony	Jimmie Rolin, Harmony, Ala....	48	7	1	5	1	50	2 00	1 75	1 50	1 50	6 75	.....	.....
7 Henderson	C. M. Logan Henderson, Ala....	98	8	6	1	2	8	1	107	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	2 00
8 Lebanon	G. F. Youngblood, Youngblood, Ala....	72	2	2	2	2	74	.....	2 00	5 25	2 00	19 75	*\$3 75	.....
9 Mt. Moriah	C. N. Mallett, Curry, Ala....	72	2	2	1	2	75	.....	5 50	5 50	1 75	9 25	8 80	.....
10 Pea Liver	Not represented	40	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	12 75	12 75	.....
11 Providence	B. F. Rodgers, Troy, Ala....	45	2	2	2	2	43	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 35	3 35	.....
12 Richland	Not represented	61	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	1 00	3 35	.....
13 Spring Hill	C. J. Gillis, Milo, Ala....	157	4	2	6	2	153	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 23	1 23	.....
14 St. Johns	U. S. Fuller Frescoe, Ala....	130	2	3	1	10	10	1	115	.....	50	2 50	3 00	45 10
15 Starkerville	W. J. Stephens, Wingard, Ala....	29	1	1	1	1	29	.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
16 Shady Grove	T. B. Allen, Brundidge, Ala....	41	3	2	4	1	41	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 25
17 White Rock	W. J. Jones, Baltic, Ala....	69	17	5	1	1	79	2 00	1 65	50	1 35	1 50	5 00	.....
18 Zebulon	B. F. Hickman, DeLeon, Ala....	33	5	1	1	1	36	2 00	1 00	7 00	1 10	4 80	4 80	.....
Total.....	.....	1287	70 36	7 52	21 16	1302	\$24 75	\$23 55	\$20 65	\$9 10	\$23 33	\$106 12	\$17 65	.....

Note—What is spent for Sunday School literature is not Missions. Don't report it as such.—CLERK.

*Institute Board.

[†]Sunday School Board.

